

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 2, 5-7, 10-11, 14-17, 19-22 and 24-27. Applicant will now address the Examiner's remaining rejection in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner is maintaining the rejection of Claims 1, 3-4, 8-9, 12-13, and 23 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Beeson et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to add the limitation of "a reflective liquid crystal panel under the prism-shaped lenses." Applicant has also amended independent Claim 8 to state that the liquid crystal panel is a "reflective liquid crystal panel." Each of these limitations distinguishes the claimed invention over Beeson.

With regard to independent Claim 9, it is believed that Beeson fails to teach or suggest the claimed "optical sensor," and Applicant can find no discussion in the Office Action as to where this feature is allegedly disclosed in Beeson.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the cited reference fails to disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, the rejected claims are patentable over the cited reference, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

As there are no other rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this Amendment, please charge our deposit account no. 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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